



**Geological Society of America and the Houston Geological Society sponsor
Earth Science Week
and International Year of Planet Earth Activities
October 11 -18, 2008**

**Annual Family Energy Festival
Houston Museum of Natural Science**

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 11:30am- 4:00pm

Join us for the annual Family Energy Festival at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The festival will include an energy passport contest, an Earth Science themed Cake contest, hands-on demonstrations, Scout badge activities, and other great programs. Please join us and bring your family and friends!

This year the festival will begin with a Planet Earth Cake Contest where local bakeries will provide tasty cakes with Earth Science themes. Be sure to arrive at 11:30 so you can see and taste the fantastic cake creations.

Cost: \$4.50 per person advanced purchase. Go to www.hmns.org, click *Scouts in the Education* menu. Day of event, \$7 for children and \$10 for adults. FREE for HMNS Members (entrance limits apply).

Volunteers: please contact Martha McRae at esw@hgs.org.

The American Geological Institute's Earth Science Week is a national program to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth. Earth Science Week annual celebration is the second week in October. If you would like to learn more, please follow this link:

<http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatisesw/>

The aim of the International Year of Planet Earth is to demonstrate new and exciting ways in which Earth sciences can help future generations meet the challenges involved in ensuring a safer and more prosperous world. The goal of the Year is to recognize and draw attention to the benefits of the earth sciences for society. The United Nations proclaimed the year 2008 as the official Internal Year of Planet Earth. If you would like to learn more, please follow these links:

<http://www.yearofplanetearth.org>

<http://geosociety.org/IYPE>

